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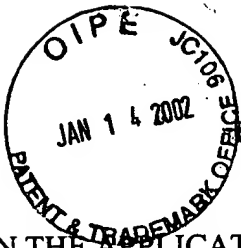
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure provided by 35 C.F.R. § 1.56 and §§ 1.97-98, the applicants wish to make the following references of record in the above-identified application. Copies of the references are enclosed. Copies are also listed in the PTO-1449 form enclosed herewith. It is requested that the documents be given careful consideration and that they be cited of record in the prosecution history of the present application so that they will appear on the face of the patent issuing from the present application.

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1. The National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc., "NASD Notice to Members 00-65," September 2000, (5 pages).
2. Special Study: Payment for Order Flow and Internalization in the Options Markets, www.sec.gov/news/studies/ordpay.htm, printed on January 22, 2001, (40 pages).

Respectfully submitted,

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